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From Palace to Treasure House:

Creating a New Space for the Institute of Ethiopian Studies Library

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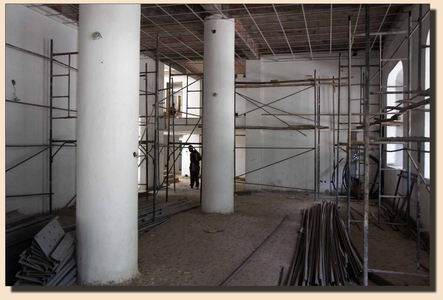
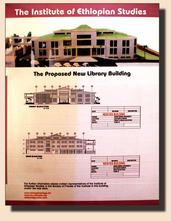
Exterior View of New Library Construction



Interior View of New Library Construction



Architectural Drawings of the New Library

Horn of Africa Region

Details of an Ethiopian Library Manuscript

Map of Ethiopia

The Institute of Ethiopian Studies (IES) Library is a research library located at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia

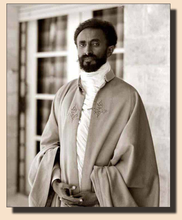
- The current library was once the Emperor's former palace
- The IES Library's mission focuses on resources from the Horn of Africa countries of Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, Somalia, and Djibouti.
- The IES Library is open to researchers from all around the globe and serves both students and faculty
- It has long outgrown its space and now has crowded areas, no growth space and lacks computers for users

Hope arrived in 2009 when construction began for a new IES library

- Manuscripts, books, journals and other materials will be transferred to a new state-of-the-art library building
- The new facilities will include computers for patrons, access to electronic resources, a generator and other features
- There will be growth space for additional and new formats in the new library space
- Society of Friends of the Institute of Ethiopian Studies helps support the library

Details of an Ethiopian Library Manuscript Depicting the Queen of Sheba

Main Entrance Gate to Addis Ababa University



Former Emperor Haile Selassie

Existing Library was Emperor's Former Palace